

In The Abstract

Please replace the originally filed abstract with the following substitute abstract:

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A PET bottle including an ornamental portion that can be formed in a variety of distinctive shapes so as to increase purchase desire of users. The PET bottle consists of a bottle main body and a cap that is detachably attached to a mouth portion of the bottle main body. The bottle main body is made of a thermoplastic resin and consists of a base portion of a bottle cylinder shape and an ornamental portion above the base portion. The base portion is provided with a plurality of decompression panels for avoiding deformation, failure and the like of the bottle main body following compression and decompression inside the bottle main body. The ornamental portion is formed in an animal or human shape.

In The Drawings

A proposed drawing correction to FIG. 12 is submitted for the Examiner's approval.

In The Claims

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A PET bottle comprising:
(a) a bottle main body and a cap that is detachably attached to a mouth portion of the bottle main body;
(b) wherein the bottle main body is made of a thermoplastic resin and comprises consists of a base portion and an ornamental portion; and
(c) wherein the base portion is provided with decompression panels adapted to for avoiding deformation, or fracture and the like of the bottle main body following compression/decompression inside the bottle main body.

Please add new Claims 4-12.

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4. The PET bottle of claim 1, wherein each of the decompression panels include a substantially planar section. NM

5. The PET bottle of claim 1, wherein each of the decompression panels include recessed portions including a substantially arcuate surface.

6. The PET bottle of claim 1, wherein at least one of the decompression panels are substantially rectangular. NM

7. The PET bottle of claim 1, wherein the ornamental portion is formed of a figurine shape including at least one of a head, a torso, arms and legs. KL

8. A PET bottle comprising:

a bottle main body comprised of a thermoplastic resin and including:

a base portion including a plurality of decompression panels adapted to avoiding deformation or fracture of the bottle main body following a compression or decompression inside the bottle main body; and

an ornamental portion formed in a figurine shape that retains its shape following said compression or decompression within the bottle main body; and

a cap detachably attached to a mouth portion of the bottle main body.

9. A PET bottle according to claim 8, wherein the cap is formed in a hat shape.

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10. A method of forming a filled shaped PET fluid container having a first portion including a plurality of decompression panels, and a second portion distinct from the first portion, the second portion including an ornamental design, the method comprising:

forming said fluid container;

filling said fluid container with a fluid at a first temperature;

sealing said fluid container;

changing the temperature of the fluid in the fluid container to a second temperature; and

wherein said decompression panels in said first portion are of a sufficient number such that there are no compression panels required on the first portion to avoid deformation of the first portion when the fluid is changed to the second temperature or when the container is unsealed.

11. The method of forming a filled shaped PET fluid container according to claim 11 further comprising observing whether the filled fluid container has deformed.

12. The method of forming a filled shaped PET fluid container according to claim 11 further comprising designing a new fluid container with at least one additional compression panel if said filled fluid container is observed to be deformed.